



September 13, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Re: FirstLight Hydro Generating Company, Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1889) and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. 2485).
Study Plan Meeting

Dear Secretary Bose:

FirstLight Hydro Generating Company (FirstLight) is in the process of licensing its Turners Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 1889) and Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Project (FERC No. 2485) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Between April 3, 2017 and May 1, 2018, FirstLight filed several addendums on previously completed studies. On August 10, 2018 FERC issued its Revised Process Plan and Schedule requiring FirstLight to hold a Study Report Meeting on October 9, 2018 to discuss the previously filed addendums. Please note that the purpose of the meeting is not to revisit issues covered by previous meetings relating to the underlying studies, but will be limited to discussion of the addendums.

FirstLight is holding the meeting at the Northfield Mountain Visitors Center at 99 Millers Falls Road, Northfield, MA 01360. Attached is the meeting agenda.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed material, please call me at the number below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas P. Bennett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Douglas Bennett
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Attachments:

- Agenda

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FirstLight Study Report Meeting

Meeting Date: October 9, 2018

Meeting Time: 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

Location: Northfield Mountain Visitors Center, 99 Millers Falls Road, Northfield, MA 01360

Time	Study Name	Agenda Topic
9:00-9:15 am	--	Introductions, Background, Overview of Agenda
9:15-10:15 am	Instream Flow Study (No 3.3.1)	Summarize the following Addendums: Addendum 1: FL filed Addendum 1 to address various comments on the Study including: habitat time series, percentage of peak weighted usable area in Reach 3 and 4, and persistent maps in Reach 3 (filed with FERC on 4/3/2017) Addendum 2: Study Results for Mussels in Reach 5 (filed with FERC on 5/1/2018) Addendum 3: Yellow Lampmussels in Reach 3 (filed with FERC on 5/1/2018) Addendum 4: Sea Lamprey Habitat Suitability Index Curves Results (filed with FERC on 5/1/2018)
10:15-11:15 am	Adult Shad Upstream and Downstream Fish Passage Study (No 3.3.2)	Summarize Addendum 1: Response to Stakeholders Comments on Study Report (filed with FERC on 5/1/2017)
11:15-Noon	Sea Lamprey (Study No. 3.3.15)	Summarize Addendum 1: Impact on Sea Lamprey Spawning Nests near Stebbins Island (filed with FERC on 5/1/2018)
Noon-1:00 pm	Lunch- on your own	
1:00-1:45 pm	Erosion Causation Study (No. 3.1.2)	Summarize Addendum 1: Assessment of Expanded Use of the Upper Reservoir Storage on Turners Falls Impoundment Erosion (filed with FERC on 4/3/2017)
1:45-2:30 pm	Northfield Ichthyoplankton Entrainment Study (Study No. 3.3.20)	Summarize Addendum 1: Greater use of Upper Reservoir Storage on Ichthyoplankton Entrainment (filed with FERC on 7/28/2017)
2:30-3:15 pm	Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species Study (Study No. 3.5.1)	Summarize Addendum 2: Puritan Tiger Beetles (filed with FERC on 4/3/2017)
3:15-3:45 pm	River2D of Northfield Tailrace (Study No. 3.3.9)	FERC's June 2016 Determination Letter stated: <i>We recommend FirstLight consult with fisheries agencies after all fish migration studies are completed to determine if additional analysis of the modeling results is necessary to describe how velocities and flow fields near the Northfield Mountain Project intake/tailrace may be affecting fish migration.</i>
3:45-4:00 pm		Wrap-Up

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